

TOLL BRIDGE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

CALTRANS BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

September 18, 2009, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Attendees: TBPOC Members: Steve Heminger, Randy Iwasaki, and Bimla Rhinehart
PMT Members: Tony Anziano, Andy Fremier, and Stephen Maller
Participants: Michele DiFrancia, Beatriz Lacson, Rick Land, Peter Lee, Brian Maroney, Rod McMillan, Dina Noel, Bijan Sartipi, Jon Tapping, Chris Traina, Pat Treacy, and Jason Weinstein

Convened: 4:04 PM

Items		Action
1.	DUMBARTON / ANTIOCH BRIDGES <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Cost Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mo Pazooki and Jason Weinstein provided an update on the environmental permits, cost estimates, schedule, legislation status and design team progress on each bridge project, since status was last reported to the TBPOC in July 2009.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AB 1175, which provides for the addition of seismic safety improvement projects on the Dumbarton and Antioch Bridges to the TBSRP, is awaiting action by the Governor. The bill will become law effective January 1, 2010, if signed by the Governor or, no action is taken by October 11, 2009.○ With environmental permitting on track, it appears the baseline project delivery schedule milestone dates can be met.○ The combined cost estimate has decreased due to a reduction in project scopes and risks.○ An update will be provided to the BATA Oversight Committee on October 14, 2009.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jason Weinstein requested TBPOC approval of the funding target value of \$700M to \$750M to complete the seismic retrofit of both the Dumbarton and Antioch Bridges.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The PMT recommended \$750M to be an appropriate estimate to cover all current risk associated with each project.○ Upon discussion, the TBPOC agreed with the PMT recommendation to increase the risk allowance by \$50M, for a total cost estimate of \$750M.• Steve Heminger, the Chair, announced that discussion on raising tolls will be initiated at the BATA Oversight Commission October 14 meeting, to cover (1) the inclusion of the Dumbarton and Antioch Bridge seismic retrofit projects in the TBSRP, (2) higher debt cost, and (3) decrease in traffic volume.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ It is anticipated that the following options will be presented: a \$1.00 increase for all toll bridges, from \$4.00 to \$5.00; for the first time a carpool charge; and, an option for congestion pricing for the SFOBB only of \$6.00 during peak hours and \$4.00 during off-peak hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TBPOC (CTC abstained) APPROVED a funding target value of \$750M to complete both the Dumbarton and Antioch Bridge seismic retrofit projects, as discussed.
<p>2. YERBA BUENA ISLAND DETOUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Contract Change Order 217 (Skid Bent Demolition and Backfill)• Dina Noel presented CCO 217 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$4,500,000 for the demolition and removal of the East Tie-In (ETI) skid bent system used during the recent ETI roll-out/ roll-in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TBPOC APPROVED CCO 217, as presented.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jon Tapping noted that due to the successful completion of the ETI \$6M in risks are being retired.• The Chair requested a briefing on the Risk Register at the next TBPOC meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jon Tapping to give a presentation to the TBPOC on the Risk Register and how it works.
<p>3. SELF-ANCHORED SUSPENSION SUPERSTRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. TBPOC China/Canada Visit Update• The Chair enumerated three items for discussion: (1) the two letters sent to ABF covering the meetings with Candraft and ZPMC; (2) the ABF memo expressing concern over the items covered at the recent BATA Oversight Committee meeting and the media coverage of them; 3) preparation for the October TBPOC meeting with ABF to discuss and agree upon an amount of money required to resolve outstanding issues.○ Regarding Item #1, Tony Anziano reported that ABF has not responded to the two letters. He will follow up.<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mike Flowers provided the latest revised 1st shipment date of October 20, 2009, indicating that an earlier shipment date is not possible.➤ Tony Anziano will be in China this coming week and will get an onsite assessment and apprise the TBPOC accordingly.○ Regarding Item #2, the Chair pointed out that the TBPOC consists of members who all work for public agencies and boards, and we cannot control what the media reports from public meetings.<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ While ABF and Candraft have taken offense to the media portrayal of the information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tony Anziano to follow up with ABF regarding items outlined in recent TBPOC letters to them.

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<p>reported at the BATA Oversight Committee meeting, it was noted that the report was factual.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It was the consensus that it is important to maintain transparency, to be forthcoming, and to ensure that any pertinent information being released to the media/public is well thought out. ➤ The Chair indicated that he will call Bob Luffy, (with Randy Iwasaki to join him) to: (1) thank him for what ABF did over the Labor Day weekend, (2) clarify media treatment of the TBPOC meetings in Canada and China, and (3) ascertain ABF's position on how to resolve the issues spelled out in the two TBPOC letters covering the Vancouver and China meetings. ○ Regarding Item #3, staff is developing a package for the PMT that will serve as the basis for TBPOC discussion with ABF in October. ➤ There is an ABF meeting that conflicts with the TBPOC October 16 meeting. ➤ Staff should identify an alternate meeting date that works for both the TBPOC and ABF; however, the TBPOC will still meet on October 16 and participate in the ETI recognition luncheon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy Iwasaki to coordinate with Mark DeSio for an overall media strategy on this issue, and involve Bart Ney as needed. • Steve Heminger and Randy Iwasaki to call Bob Luffy to thank ABF for their support during Labor Day weekend; to follow up on the TBPOC letters to ABF; and, to discuss resolution of outstanding items. • The PMT to set an alternate meeting date close to October 16, and develop a strategy for the meeting with ABF. The October 16 meeting will serve as a preparatory meeting, should the TBPOC/ ABF meeting be scheduled after October 16. Otherwise a TBPOC conference call may be warranted.
<p>4 OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy Iwasaki thanked staff for the well-orchestrated Labor Day weekend preparations and events. ○ The Chair stated it was a shining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department and BATA to

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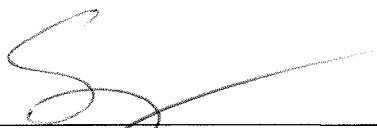
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<p>moment for the Department, and suggested giving awards, financial (Department rewards program) and otherwise (BATA resolutions) to key players, in appreciation for a job well-done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Randy Iwasaki reported that the Department will continue regular bridge inspections, as a follow up to the eyebar failure. Starting Saturday night through Sunday morning, two right lanes of the east span of the SFOBB will be closed for the maintenance check.○ Bijan Sartipi is doing an interview on the maintenance check, and a press release is also scheduled.○ The Chair invited Bijan Sartipi to present on ongoing bridge inspections and maintenance at the next BATA Oversight Committee meeting. He indicated that Bart Ney should also attend.○ Brian Maroney reported that the bridge looks fine and stable.<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Particular attention is being given to the eyebar next to the one that broke.➤ The maintenance situation will be evaluated and an updated set of recommendations will be provided to the PMT and TBPOC in a month.○ The Chair requested that this item be included on the upcoming TBPOC meeting agendas.	<p>arrange for recognition awards to deserving people at the October 16 recognition luncheon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include the SFOBB inspection and maintenance item on upcoming TBPOC meeting agendas.

Adjourned: 4:55 PM

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APPROVED BY:



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Bay Area Toll Authority

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Date



RANDELL H. IWASAKI, Director
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12-16-09
Date



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12/21/09
Date